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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed August 22, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 16 and 18.

Please amend claim 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 12 and 17 as follows:

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-- 1. (Amended)

A carrier head, comprising:

a retaining ring;

a pressurizable chamber; and

a fluid-tight flexible membrane with an inner surface that forms a boundary of the pressurizable chamber and a rough outer surface to press a substrate against a polishing surface, wherein the outer surface is rougher than the inner surface.

2. (Amended) The carrier head of claim 1, wherein the outer surface of the flexible membrane is sufficiently rough that the substrate does not move relative to the membrane.

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